

House Study Bill 589

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HUMAN RESOURCES BILL
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring a minority impact statement as part of an
2 application for a grant from the department of public health,
3 human services, or human rights and providing effective and
4 applicability dates.
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 8.11 GRANT APPLICATIONS ==
1 2 MINORITY IMPACT STATEMENTS.
1 3 1. Each application for a grant from the department of
1 4 public health, the department of human services, or the
1 5 department of human rights shall include a minority impact
1 6 statement that contains the following information:
1 7 a. Any disproportionate or unique impact of proposed
1 8 policies or programs on minority persons in this state.
1 9 b. A rationale for the existence of programs or policies
1 10 having an impact on minority persons in this state.
1 11 c. Evidence of consultation of representatives of minority
1 12 persons in cases where a policy or program has an identifiable
1 13 impact on minority persons in this state.
1 14 2. For the purposes of this section, the following
1 15 definitions shall apply:
1 16 a. "Disability" means the same as provided in section
1 17 15.102, subsection 5, paragraph "b", subparagraph (1).
1 18 b. "Minority persons" includes individuals who are women,
1 19 persons with a disability, Blacks, Latinos, Asians or Pacific
1 20 Islanders, American Indians, and Alaskan Native Americans.
1 21 3. The office of grants enterprise management shall create
1 22 and distribute the minority impact statement form to the
1 23 departments and ensure its inclusion with applications for
1 24 grants.
1 25 4. The departments of public health, human services, and
1 26 human rights shall give the minority impact statement from
1 27 each grant applicant the same weight as any other factors when
1 28 awarding grants.
1 29 5. The directives of this section shall be carried out to
1 30 the extent consistent with federal law.
1 31 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE AND APPLICABILITY DATES. This Act takes
1 32 effect July 1, 2008, and shall apply to grants for which
1 33 applications are due beginning August 1, 2008.

EXPLANATION

1 35 This bill requires that all applications for grants from
2 1 the departments of public health, human services, and human
2 2 rights include a minority impact statement to be submitted by
2 3 grant applicants. The minority impact statement shall include
2 4 three types of information: any disproportionate or unique
2 5 impact of the proposed policies or programs on the state's
2 6 minority persons; a rationale for the existence of the
2 7 programs or policies if they have an impact on minority
2 8 persons; and evidence that the applicant has consulted with
2 9 representatives of minority persons if there is such an impact
2 10 on minority persons.
2 11 For the purposes of the bill, "minority persons" are
2 12 identified as women, persons with disabilities, Blacks,
2 13 Latinos, Asians or Pacific Islanders, American Indians, and
2 14 Alaskan Native Americans. "Disability" means a physical or
2 15 mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the
2 16 major life activities of the individual, a record of physical

2 17 or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of
2 18 the major life activities of the individual, or being regarded
2 19 as an individual with a physical or mental impairment that
2 20 substantially limits one or more of the major life activities
2 21 of the individual.

2 22 The office of grants enterprise management is given the
2 23 authority to create and distribute a minority impact statement
2 24 form that the departments will use in the grant applications.
2 25 The departments are charged with giving the minority impact
2 26 statement the same weight as other factors used to award
2 27 grants. The directives of the bill are to be carried out to
2 28 the extent that they do not interfere with federal law.

2 29 The bill states that use of the minority impact statement
2 30 shall become applicable for grant applications that are due
2 31 beginning August 1, 2008.

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